

From: Bruce Anders
To: sarah
Cc: John Bitney; Mike Tibbles; Marty Rutherford (W)
Subject: Gasline Status
Date: Sunday, December 10, 2006 5:21:34 PM

*****CONFIDENTIAL, DELIBERATIVE COMMUNICATION*****

Governor,

First, from now on I will be communicating from my state email (bruce_anders@dnr.state.ak.us) to your state email. But not having access to either right now, I am sending this message to your personal address in the interest of getting you this information ASAP. Please let me know which address you would prefer my using to receive updates, and who should be on that distribution list.

Commissioner Rutherford asked that I act as "conduit" to the Governor's office on our gasline workgroup's progress. This is my first briefing (please let me know if this update provides to little or too much information, and I will tailor future reports to your preferences). I don't know how you intend to use Joe Balash (or if you intend to use him at all on this), but for the time being, feel free to direct any and all pipeline-related questions my way.

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Coordination.

In the meantime, we do have one request. From here forward, every step must be developed within the confines of a carefully crafted overarching strategy. Therefore, if you, or any other members of your staff intend to ask other people or departments to work on some aspect of the gasline project, we would appreciate that our work group coordinate that input.

Please direct any reaction hereto, questions, or guidance to bruce_anders@dnr.state.ak.us, or call me at 269-8775, or on my cell at

Bruce

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Constitution art.
I, sec. 22

From: Kris Perry
To: spalin@mtaonline.net
Subject: FW: CORRECTION - Press Release: Governor Palin Will Sell Jet
Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2006 5:40:00 PM
Attachments: PR 06-006A Palin Will Sell Jet 121206.doc

FYI...went out this afternoon.

From: Sharon Busch [mailto:sharon_busch@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2006 5:30 PM
To: GOV - PRESS RELEASE DISTRIBUTION
Subject: CORRECTION - Press Release: Governor Palin Will Sell Jet

CORRECTION: Quote from Commissioner Monegan missing from initial release.



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No. 06-006A

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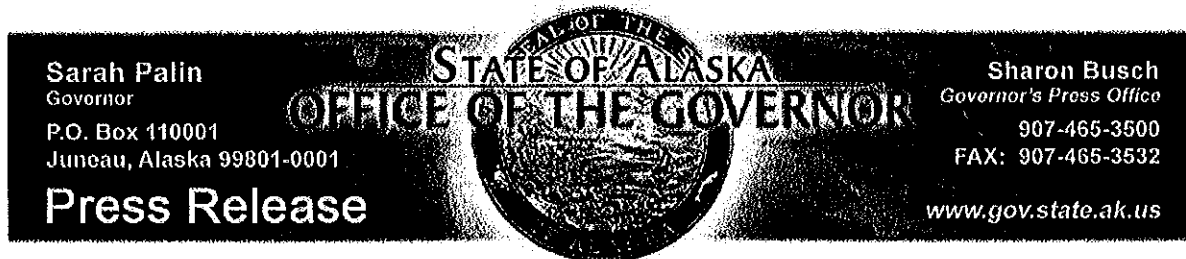
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From: [Kris Perry](#)
To: spalin@mtaonline.net
Subject: Flight to Juneau
Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2006 6:02:00 PM

You're on the 7:50 pm flight to Juneau Friday night. Tibbles is on the same flight. I'm providing this info to security as well.

You'll leave Juneau on Sunday at 2pm, returning to Anchorage at 3:45 pm.

I'll have your itinerary printed out for you.

From: John Bitney
To: "Mike Tibbles"; Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)
Cc: "spalln@mtaonline.net"; Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell (GOV sponsored);
"meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us"; Brown, Joan A (GOV)
Subject: Budget talking points
Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2006 10:51:51 PM
Attachments: budget_talking_points.doc

Mike

Attached are my suggested talking points for Wednesday's meeting with the legislative leadership.

These are intended to be pretty simple and summary in nature.

john

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From: sarah
To: John Bitney; "Mike Tibbles"; Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Perry's; Sean Parnell
Cc: Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell (GOV sponsored); Gov Mailsave (GOV sponsored); Brown, Joan A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Budget talking points
Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2006 11:17:57 PM

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From: John Bitney
To: 'Mike Tibbles'; 'Michael Tibbles'
Cc: spalin@mtaonline.net ; Lt_Governor@gov.state.ak.us ; meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us ; joan_brown@gov.state.ak.us
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2006 10:51 PM
Subject: Budget talking points

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From: Bruce Anders
To: sarah
Subject: RE: AG status
Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2006 7:47:00 AM

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Bruce

From: sarah [mailto:spalin@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2006 10:16 AM
To: Bruce Anders
Subject: Re: AG status

I'm off to the airport.

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I am very disappointed that Bitney continues to speak of candidates when I am not ready for those candidates' names to be discussed yet. I am finding my circle of confidants to be shrinking daily.

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From: Bruce Anders
To: 'sarah'
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2006 9:31 AM
Subject: RE: AG status

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Bruce

From: sarah [mailto:spalin@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2006 9:03 AM
To: Bruce Anders
Subject: Re: AG status

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----- Original Message -----

From: Bruce Anders
To: 'sarah'
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2006 8:54 AM
Subject: RE: AG status

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Thanks,
Bruce

From: sarah [mailto:spalin@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2006 7:29 AM
To: Bruce Anders
Subject: Re: AG status

I will be appointing an independent, "new" AG who does not have any baggage on any sides of any of the relevant issues facing the legislature. All I have been looking for is a good legal mind, someone totally committed to ethical government, a less-political, unpretentious long-time Alaskan who is free from the influence of any of the "more of the same" circles running in Juneau.

----- Original Message -----

From: Bruce Anders

To: spalin@mtaonline.net

Sent: Monday, December 11, 2006 5:02 PM

Subject: AG status

Any discussions/progress in Juneau? I thought of another very good candidate if you are still looking. **executive/deliberative process privilege**

Bruce

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From: Ted Leonard
To: sarah
Cc: Sean Parnell; mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us
Subject: University funding
Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2006 1:04:04 PM

Governor:

The FY 08 GF operating request from the university was \$351.8 million. Based on the proposed FY 08 funding for the University of \$333.2 million, the state is not funding \$18.5 million of their request (5.6%). It should be noted that the \$333.2 million represents a \$50.8 million increase from last year's budget of \$282.4 (approximate 18% increase from last year). The items that were not funded appear to be mostly program expansions. Below is a list of requested items from the University's request not funded:

3,866.8	Additional non-discretionary cost increases (e.g. facility costs, bandwidth)	\$
6,078.8	Preparing Alaskans for Jobs (expansion)	\$
6,000.0	University Research Investment (Phase 2)	\$
<u>2,000.0</u>	Accountability, e.g. student success, advising, college readiness	\$
	Total Unfunded request	
<u>\$18,576.6</u>		

The total increase in funding (\$50.8 million) from FY 07 is broken down as follows:

\$37,023.3	PERS/TRS Retirement Increase	
282.7	Fuel (net increase over FY07)	
12,988.8	Salary and benefit increases	
(1.0)	License Plate one-time item (net)	
400.0	Risk Management	
<u>150.0</u>	Transfer from DNR for Science Adviser	—
	Total increase from FY 07 Budget	
<u>\$50,843.8</u>		

On the capital side, the university is requesting approximately \$332.1 million for capital and the base budget is funding approximately \$24.2 million (Federal & other funds). Murkowski's budget funded \$49.7 million. I will get Mike Tibbles a list of capital item requested but not funded. If you need any other information, please let me know.

Ted

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From: sarah [mailto:spalin@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2006 6:36 AM
To: John W. Bitney; tibbles@alaska.net; 'Perry's'

Cc: 'Sean Parnell'; Ted Leonard; 'Michael A Tibbles'; 'Kris Perry'
Subject: Re: \$100 mil

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----- Original Message -----

From: John W. Bitney

To: 'sarah' ; tibbles@alaska.net ; 'Perry's'

Cc: 'Sean Parnell' ; 'Ted Leonard' ; 'Michael A Tibbles' ; 'Kris Perry'

Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2006 12:26 AM

Subject: RE: \$100 mil

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From: sarah [<mailto:spalin@mtaonline.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2006 10:56 PM

To: tibbles@alaska.net; Perry's; John W. Bitney

Cc: Sean Parnell; Ted Leonard; Michael A Tibbles; Kris Perry

Subject: \$100 mil

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From: Ivy Frye
To: sarah; Mike Tibbles
Subject: Board of Regents
Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2006 6:53:00 PM

Governor,

I'm sending the names of the 4 board members whose terms are expiring at the end of the year. I thought it would be important for you to have them in the back of your mind incase you run into Hamilton and Hughes before I can give you my report on Friday.

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Tim Brady. He's the current president of the board. Appointed in May 2005. Pres of Brady Construction from FBX. executive/deliberative process privilege. ANC

Brian Rogers. executive/deliberative process privilege

On the board since 1999 executive/deliberative process privilege
FBX

Frances Rose. Her husband was Dave Rose who just died and who was the head of the PFD for a long time. On the board since 1999. ANC

Joe Usibelli. Appointed by Knowles in 1999. Usibelli Coal Mine.

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I have ideas on all of these that I will reserve until I can talk to you.

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I hope this helps.

Ivy Frye, Deputy Director
Boards and Commissions
(907) 465-3500

From: Ivy Frye
To: sarah
Cc: Michael Tibbles
Subject: FW: Please see the attached
Date: Thursday, December 14, 2006 7:29:00 AM
Attachments: Letter to Governor Palin.doc

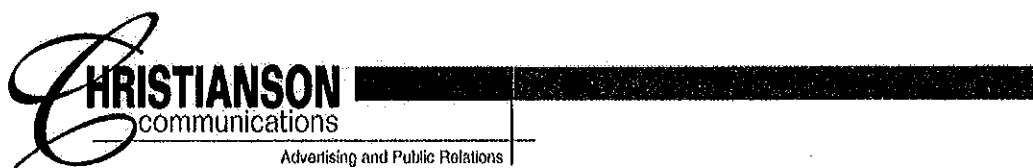
Governor,

Lots of support letters for MacKinnon the last two days. Will continue to look through these apps to see if there are any other red flags.

From: Susan Christianson [mailto:chriscom@gci.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2006 9:23 PM
To: Ivy_frye@gov.state.ak.us
Cc: mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us
Subject: Please see the attached

Ivy, I would appreciate if you would put a copy of the attached letter in John Mackinnon's file for the Governor to see when she makes her decision regarding Transportation Commissioner.
Thank you for your help.
Susan Christianson

Susan Stark Christianson
Christianson Communications
4043 Mitchell Way
Juneau, AK 99801
Phone: 907.789.3098
Fax: 907.789.3079
Cell: 907.209.7231
Email: chriscom@gci.net



December 13, 2006

Governor Sarah Palin
State of Alaska
Office of the Governor
PO Box 11001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Palin:

As a former Juneau Empire reporter, adjunct university public relations instructor and Deputy Director of Communications for the State I am always disappointed when my former media colleagues leave out information that is critical for public understanding of a news story. I am moved to write to you today, because the story in this morning's Juneau Empire about John Mackinnon is an example of just such a story.

The facts:

From day one of his involvement in local and state government John Mackinnon has fully divulged all of his business interests. All those involved on both sides of the road issue have been aware for many years of the Mackinnon family business interests. When John took a job with both city and state government, he not only divulged his potential conflict of interest, he sought out an attorney general's office ethics opinion and was up front and completely honorable in avoiding even the appearance of involvement by never taking part in any discussions, policy meetings, or actions that crossed an ethical line.

Ethics laws were written to allow experienced people to participate in state service. There has to be a line that allows competent, dedicated and experienced people to work in government. That is what the ethics laws regarding conflict of interest are designed to do and in Mr. Mackinnon's situation, what they have done.

The facts left out:

The person the Juneau Empire consistently refers to in its articles only as "Juneau Attorney Joe Geldhof" actually has more of a conflict of interest than Mr. Mackinnon – a conflict which the Empire's reporting chooses to ignore. Mr. Geldhof, a longtime member of multiple environmental organizations in opposition to any resource development, is General Counsel to the union representing state ferry workers – workers he fears will loose jobs if a road is built to the capital. Mr. Geldhof has been paid for more than eight years to make sure ferry workers interests are protected – something he personally equates with making sure a road to the capital doesn't get built. Unfortunately,

the Juneau Empire left out the fact that Mr. Geldhof represents these workers, allowing him to throw out innuendo of ethical lapses to advance his agenda, without the same accountability under which local, state and federal employees must be scrutinized.

Governor Palin, you have rightfully called state officials to the highest ethical standards. Those are the standards to which Mr. Mackinnon has held himself in his dealings as Deputy Commissioner. I would hate to see the media allow your call to the highest ethical standards be used as a stone for those with their own personal or political agendas to throw at people without accountability or cause.

I will continue to pray for your success and the success of your administration. It was a pleasure to meet you and your family and help welcome you to Juneau. I know you have a big job ahead of you and I pray that God will continue to bless you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Stark Christianson". The signature is written in dark ink and has a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Susan Stark Christianson
President

CC: Mike Tibbles, Chief of Staff

From: Ivy Frye
To: Mike Tibbles; sarah
Subject: Preliminary Report re: Board of Regents
Date: Thursday, December 14, 2006 6:25:00 PM

Governor and Mike,

I have some preliminary information to share with you both at your convenience. Binders are prepared and on your desks for tomorrow. Governor, I spoke with Kari tonight and per your request, your meeting with President Hamilton is in January, however she didn't have the date confirmed yet.

Have a good night.

Ivy Frye, Deputy Director
Boards and Commissions
(907) 465-3500

From: [Mike Tibbles](#)
To: spalin@mtaonline.net
Subject: FW: heads up on upcoming news story
Date: Saturday, December 16, 2006 9:52:00 AM

FYI – Please let me know if you would like a more detailed briefing.

Mike

From: Hill, Sherry [mailto:sherry_hill@health.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2006 4:00 PM
To: meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us; 'Mike Tibbles'; john_bitney@gov.state.ak.us
Cc: Sharon Busch; Jackson, Karleen
Subject: heads up on upcoming news story

The ADN will run a story by Lisa Demer most likely this weekend on Office of Children's Services completing its federal Performance Improvement Plan. DHSS sent out a press release on this about a month ago and this story resulted from that release.

We think it'll be fairly positive since we were successful, but we do have some areas that we still feel need improvement – which we were honest with her at the time of the interview.

Lisa used to be pretty unpredictable but she has come around because of the effort we have put into working with her. So I BELIEVE it will be positive, but I can't guarantee it'll be ALL good.

Thanks,
-Sherry

*Sherry L. Hill, M.Sc.P.R.
Communications Officer/Legislative Liaison
Department of Health and Social Services
Juneau Office 907-465-1618
Cell 907-321-2838
Anchorage Office 907-269-7800*

From: Ivy Frye
To: Mike Tibbles; sarah
Subject: Priority Report
Date: Saturday, December 16, 2006 10:02:00 AM

Mike,

I have a report on my desk for the Governor if you want it today. I listed the priorities for B & C for the next 1-3 months. I have some information on the ARMB, Regents, Game, Judicial Council, Parole Board, RCA and Alaska Statehood Commission that I hope to go over with either of you.

Thanks,

Ivy Frye, Deputy Director
Boards and Commissions
(907) 465-3500

From: [Mike Tibbles](#)
To: spalin@mtaonline.net
Subject: FW: Sarha's Letter and Color Portrait...
Date: Saturday, December 16, 2006 5:27:00 PM
Attachments: [Sarah Palin Letter.doc](#)

Governor,

The Denali Commission produces an annual report that includes a letter from both the Federal and State Co-Chairs. I have attached a copy of a draft prepared by Sharon Guenther Lind (PIO for the Denali Commission) for your signature. We have not talked about your thoughts of the Denali Commission so it would be helpful if you could let me know if the general direction of the letter is acceptable. I have included last year's letter from Frank Murkowski for comparison.

Mike

Dear Alaskans:

Seven years ago, Alaska joined the newly created Denali Commission in an innovative partnership with a valuable mission—to provide critical rural infrastructure in the most cost effective manner. The Denali Commission's work improves the quality of life for many Alaskans, at a time when 27 percent of rural Alaska households are below the poverty level and many communities lack basic infrastructure that other states take for granted.

The Denali Commission has partnered with an array of federal, state, tribal, Indian, and nongovernmental entities to achieve results, including upgrading rural bulk fuel facilities, improving access and delivery of health care, and providing jobs.

The first regional energy program in Alaska, the Middle Kuskokwim Regional Energy Program, has provided an ability to leverage planning, resources, and costs for long-term energy savings. By working with the Denali

Commission, the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services has improved both access to and delivery of health care to rural areas by leveraging its limited resources. For the first time, residents of the Aleutian Chain have access to round-the-clock urgent care with a clinic in St. Paul this year, constructed ahead of schedule.

In addition, Alaska's priority "Bring the Kids Home" initiative has resulted in a youth psychiatric facility in Juneau, through partnering with the Denali Commission, providing support and options for families of children with mental illness.

We are also working together to find solutions by which we can harvest our abundant resources and provide good paying jobs in our rural communities. Ensuring that basic, sustainable infrastructure is in place will be a foundation on which economic opportunities can be built. By responsibly developing our resources, we can provide jobs so that Alaskans in school today, can find jobs to raise their families and start their careers, here in Alaska.

We have made tremendous strides in realizing Senator Ted Stevens' vision for the commission. On behalf of the State of Alaska, we look forward to a better future for all Alaskans and continued success of the Denali Commission.

Sincerely yours,

Governor Frank H. Murkowski
State Co-Chair

From: Sharon Lind [mailto:SLind@denali.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2006 1:40 PM
To: mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us
Cc: Krag Johnsen
Subject: Letter and Color Portrait...

Mike,

We are trying to wrap things up and I wanted to check in on Sarah's letter and picture.

As we discussed on the phone, our annual report usually includes letters from both the Federal and State Co-Chairs of the Denali Commission. George Cannelos is the Federal Co-Chair, and the Governor of Alaska is the State Co-Chair. I really want Sarah to be in this report so thanks for helping me on this.

Could you let me know the status of that?

T/Y

SL

Sharon Guenther Lind
Public Information Officer &
Government Coordination Program Manager
Denali Commission
510 L Street, Suite 410
Anchorage, AK 99501

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Dear Alaskans:

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Sincerely yours,

Governor Sarah Palin
State Co-Chair

From: [Ivy Frye](#)
To: [sarah](#)
Subject: Boards and Commissions Priority Report
Date: Sunday, December 17, 2006 11:44:00 AM
Attachments: [Priority Report.doc](#)

Governor,

I hope you had a great weekend with the girls! I didn't want to bother you by bringing by a hard copy so I'm attaching an electronic version of what I think are the most imminent priorities in Boards and Commissions. I gave Mike a hard copy. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Take care,

Ivy Frye, Deputy Director
Boards and Commissions
(907) 465-3500

Governor Sarah Palin
Office of Boards and Commissions Priority Report

Prepared by: Ivy Frye
12/15/06

I. Immediate Priorities

Alaska Retirement and Management Board (ARMB):

The state of Alaska lost NEA-Alaska vs. Governor Murkowski last week in Superior Court. The deadline to appeal is January 3, 2007.

Mike Barnhill from the Dept of Law (focuses on Boards and Commissions) would like to go over options with Governor Palin, Mike Tibbles, and Attorney General Colberg.

- Dr. Richard Solie (appointed 9/10/06) must be replaced with 1 of 4 names that NEA-Alaska submits to Governor Palin.
- Gail Schubert and Larry Semmens seats expire 3/1/07

Background:

There was an understanding between NEA and the Administration that Governor Murkowski would re-appoint Gayle Harbo and Sam Trivette to the public TRS and PRS seats if NEA supported Dr. Richard Solie for the other open TRS seat. Tom Boutin, Deputy Commissioner of Revenue, worked with Bill Bjork, President of NEA-Alaska to come to the agreement. Murkowski took over three months to re-appoint Harbo and Trivette and in the mean time the agreement fell apart.

Murkowski appointed Dr. Solie and NEA sued the state of Alaska for failing to abide by state statute (which says the Governor must appoint members that have been nominated by NEA). NEA says they never reached an agreement with the Administration. Dr. Solie has 40 years of economic experience and is more qualified than the other NEA nominations (see list). Dr. Solie was a supporter of SB 141 while it was still in committee. NEA opposed SB 141.

Board of Regents:

Governor Palin's appointments must be submitted to the Legislature no later than 5 days after the first day of session, January 16.

4 seats expire 2/1/07. Legislative Confirmation.
Tim Brady and Frances Rose from Anchorage
Brian Rogers and Joe Usibelli from Fairbanks

7 people have applied thus far. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Board of Game:

2 seats expire 3/1/07. Legislative Confirmation.
Kristie Tibbles is the Board contact and can shed insight.

Bob Bell: "Last minute" Murkowski appointment (appt 11/28/06). Bell needs to be confirmed by the Legislature. [REDACTED]. On ANC Assembly for several years. [REDACTED]

Ben Grussendorf: Appt in 2001 by Knowles. Former Dem. Legislator from Juneau and may not be interested in being re-appointed.

Judicial Council:

1 seat expires 3/1/07. Legislative Confirmation.

Eleanor Andrews. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Parole Board:

1 seat expires 1/1/2007.

Michael Stark. Retired attorney from Juneau. Appt by Knowles in 2002.

Executive/Operative processes/privilege

Commissioner Schmidt may have some ideas on nominations.
The Parole Board meets approximately 150 days per year. \$250 per day.

Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA):

1 seat expires 3/1/07.

Kate Giard is the chair.

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Statehood Celebration Commission:

The Chair and Vice Chair are appointed by the Governor. The Commission terminates in 2009 after the 50th Anniversary of Statehood Celebration takes place.

- Gail Phillips, Chair.
- Christopher Constant, Vice-Chair.

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II. Secondary Priorities

Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA):

1 seat expires 6/30/07.

John Winther holds the expiring seat. executive/deliberative process privilege

This board typically sees a lot of applicants.

6 people have applied already — 2 of them are from Mat-Su (Lois Whitaker, Wasilla and Larry Wood, Palmer).

Board of Fish:

2 seats expire 6/30/07. Legislative Confirmation.

Art Nelson (appt in 2003). executive/deliberative process privilege

Robert Heyano (appt in 2004). Per Alan Austerman, he's not sure if he wants to be re-appointed.

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Mental Health Trust (Need names from Mental Health Trust):

1 seat expires 3/1/07. Legislative Confirmation.

John Malone (Bethel). The seat needs to go to somebody in rural Alaska.

The Mental Health Trust nominates names for the Governor. Denny DeWitt, Jeff Jessee or Marty Rutherford are good people to talk to regarding this Trust.

Permanent Fund Dividend Board:

1 seat expires 7/1/07.

Bill Hudson is the seat holder. executive/deliberative process privilege

Pat Galvin and Talis Colberg will be new members.

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Professional Teaching Practices (need names from NEA):

3 seats expire 3/1/07. Legislative Confirmation.

NEA-Alaska must submit names for 2 of the seats belonging to classroom teachers. I'll call Bill Bjork, President of NEA to expedite the request for nominations. Will also talk to Heath family and other teachers to solicit their advice. Any teacher that is part of the bargaining unit can apply through NEA.

- Cynthia Curran (appt by Knowles in 2001)
- Mark Doner (classroom teacher appt in 2003)
- Jeffrey Hebard (classroom teacher appt in 2006)

Public Office Commission:

1 seat expires 3/1/07. Legislative Confirmation.

Names must be submitted from Alaska Democratic Party. I'll request those names from Jake Metcalfe. The seat will need to be replaced with a person from Southeast Alaska.

- John Dapcevich, Democrat from Juneau.

Seafood Marketing Institute:

3 seats expire 6/30/07.

Alan Austerman, or whomever the Fish Policy Advisor, will have a good idea of who to appoint or re-appoint.

- Kevin Adams, Anchorage (appt in 2004). executive/deliberative process privilege
- Duncan Fields, Kodiak (appt in 2004). Fisher/attorney/consultant. executive/deliberative process privilege

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on video

- Donald Miles, Seattle (appt in 2004). President of Icicle Seafoods, Inc.

From: [Bruce Anders](#)
To: [sarah](#)
Cc: [Mike Tibbles](#); [John Bitney](#); john_bitney@gov.state.ak.us
Subject: LGA Update
Date: Sunday, December 17, 2006 10:08:22 PM
Attachments: [Gasline Status Report.doc](#)

Governor,

From your last email, ("impatient friends wondering why they haven't read anything in the papers this week on gasline progress. And I've had three reminders this week from legislators that they're waiting..."), I sense that you are looking for some language in hand to respond to these folks. Or alternatively perhaps, to have something to post to a state site to which you could refer folks.

In response, today I created a concise gasline process "status report" to disseminate orally or via whatever means you deem appropriate. Our workgroup had a long strategy session tonight (we are hitting it again hard tomorrow), and the attached doc reflects the workgroup-approved language.

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A difficult balance to strike was including enough info to get people off your back, while not being overly specific about the process to unfold, as much of that is as yet unclear. I think we struck that delicate balance, but please tell me if you want more or less, and I'll get a refined version back to you ASAP. Anyway, the document is attached.

Also included are likely follow-up questions you'll be asked, with proposed responses.

Bruce

PS Talis and I are meeting Tuesday at 2:00.

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From: Kris Perry
To: spalln@mtaonline.net
Subject: FW: AK-BC/Swan Lake Intertie
Date: Monday, December 18, 2006 2:11:00 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Meghan Stapleton [mailto:meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2006 1:04 PM
To: kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us; mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us
Cc: sarah@mtaonline.com
Subject: FW: AK-BC/Swan Lake Intertie

This is more to be prepared for tomorrow. I saw this as a budget question at first. Obviously becomes more than that tomorrow.

-----Original Message-----

From: Andrew Damstedt [<mailto:andrew@ketchikandailynews.com>]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2006 3:46 PM
To: meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us
Subject: AK-BC/Swan Lake Intertie

Hi Meghan,

This is Andrew Damstedt at the Ketchikan Daily News and I was told you were the person to email about my questions.

Next Tuesday there is a meeting in Ketchikan about the Alaska-British Columbia hydroelectric Intertie. I am writing an advance article to that and I was wondering whether Gov. Palin was planning on including funding in the budget for either the Alaska-British Columbia Intertie or the Swan Lake-Tyee Lake Intertie.

And I was wondering whether Gov. Palin had any comments on the interties etc.

Thanks,

Andrew Damstedt
225-3157

From: Ivy Frye
To: Mike Tibbles; sarah
Subject: Employment Application Update
Date: Monday, December 18, 2006 5:40:00 PM

724 Total Applications
134 Total Commissioners
103 Total Deputy Commissioners
273 Total Directors
213 Total Office of the Governor

Of the Departments with Commissioner Appointments pending:

Administration - 10 of 45 (10/45) are commissioner applicants
Education - 7/30
Environmental Conservation - 10/36
Fish and Game - 8/37
Labor - 9/62
Natural Resources - 9/71
Transportation - 11/66

Please let me know if you need anything. I can get it to you asap. Thanks!

Ivy Frye, Deputy Director
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From: Kris Perry
To: spalin@mtaonline.net
Cc: fek9wnr@yahoo.com
Subject: Payroll
Date: Tuesday, December 19, 2006 12:17:00 PM

You are set-up for direct deposit; however it takes two weeks to establish. Therefore, your next two pay checks will be rec'd via mail.

Checks will be cut and mailed on 12/27.

Kris

From: [Ivy Frye](#)
To: [Mike Tibbles](#); [sarah](#)
Subject: Board Reports
Date: Wednesday, December 20, 2006 5:41:00 PM
Attachments: [Board of Game.doc](#)
[Judicial Council.doc](#)
[Parole Board.doc](#)
[RCA.doc](#)
[Statehood Commission.doc](#)

Governor and Mike,

I've updated my reports for the boards attached above. Included are current applicants applying, past applicants, and my thoughts on each board. These reports are similar to the one I put together for the Board of Regents. I'm sorry if they are confusing. I am more than happy to talk to one or both of you in person. In fact, I think it would be beneficial to me, and hopefully to both of you, to make sure I am going in the right direction.

Susan and Kristie (Babcock) have been very helpful. John Bitney and Mike have also been very insightful. It has also helped to call on some of my friends and Palin supporters in other regions of the state. So far so good, I think.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

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Board of Game
2 Seats Expire 3/1/07

Term Expires	Background	Recommendation	Alternatives
Bob Bell (R) Anchorage Hasn't applied for re-appt	Appt in 2006 by Murkowski. Requires Legislative Confirmation. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] On ANC Assembly for several yrs. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]		executive/deliberative process privilege [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I will continue to gather information.
Ben Grussendorf (D) Juneau Hasn't applied for re-appt	Appt in 2001 by Knowles. Former Dem. Legislator. May not be interested in re-appt. [REDACTED] executive/deliberative process privilege [REDACTED]		executive/deliberative process privilege [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Other Members:

Richard Burley, Fairbanks
Paul Johnson, Unalakleet
Cliff Judkins, Wasilla
Ron Somerville, Juneau
Ted Spraker, Soldotna
Commissioner of Fish and Game

Are Applying:

Dennis Corl, Petersburg. executive/deliberative process privilege [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Mark Fish, Anchorage executive/deliberative process privilege [REDACTED]
James (Jake) Jacobson, Kodiak executive/deliberative process privilege [REDACTED]
Patricia Jacobson, Kodiak executive/deliberative process privilege [REDACTED]
Spike Jorgensen, Tok (R). executive/deliberative process privilege [REDACTED]
Joseph Mattie, Ester (R). Fur dealer. executive/deliberative process privilege [REDACTED]
Allen Minish, Chitina (R). executive/deliberative process privilege [REDACTED]
Thomas Scarborough, Fairbanks (R). Engineer. Ran for office in '04.

Preliminary Conclusions:

executive/deliberative process privilege [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

executive/deliberative process privilege

Judicial Council
1 Seat Expire 3/1/07

Term Expires	Background	Recommendation	Alternatives
Eleanor Andrews (D) Anchorage	executive/deliberative process privilege	executive/deliberative process privilege	executive/deliberative process privilege

Other Members:

Douglas Bailey, Juneau (Alaska Bar Appt)
Dana Fabe, Juneau (Chief Justice/Designated)
Bill Gordon, Fairbanks (Governor's Appt)
Robert Groseclose, Fairbanks (Alaska Bar Appt)
Susan Orlansky, Anchorage (Alaska Bar Appt)
Christena Williams, Ketchikan (Governor's Appt)

Are Applying:

Lynne Curry, Anchorage (N), member of ANC downtown Rotary.

Paul Nelson, Haines (N) Have inquired with Bill Thomas about Mr. Nelson.

Tom Fink, Anchorage (R), applied last cycle.

Preliminary Conclusions:

There are three Governor's appointees on the Judicial Council and three appointees that are nominated by the Alaska Bar Association.

The applicants being considered by the Judicial Council for Bethel Superior Court are:

Ms. Ella Anagick (R), Ms. R. Poke Haffner, Mr. Marvin Charles Hamilton, III
Mr. Dennis Patrick James (D)

The applicants being considered by the Judicial Council for Kenai Superior Court
are:

Mr. Scot Leaders (R), Ms. Sharon Illsley (U), Mr. Lynn Levensgood (R)
Ms. Anna Moran (U)

Parole Board
1 Seat Expires 1/1/07

Term Expires	Background	Recommendation	Alternatives
Michael Stark (N) Juneau Hasn't applied for re-appt	Retired attorney from Juneau. Appt by Knowles in 2002. executive/deliberative process privilege		executive/deliberative process privilege

Other Members:

Charles Moses, Anchorage (D). executive/deliberative process privilege
Michael Newman, Wasilla (N). executive/deliberative process privilege
Edward Rais, Anchorage (R). executive/deliberative process privilege
Linda Smith, Fairbanks (N). executive/deliberative process privilege

Are Applying:

No one has applied at this time.

There are four pages of "prior applicants." The most recent is from 2003.

Preliminary Conclusions:

I emailed Commissioner Schmidt today, Wednesday, December 20 re:
suggestions for the Parole Board.

The Parole Board meets approximately 150 days per year. \$250 per day.

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Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA)
1 Seat Expires 3/1/07

Term Expires	Background	Recommendation	Alternatives
Kate Giard (N) Anchorage Hasn't applied for re-appt	Giard is the chair. [REDACTED] executive/deliberative process privilege [REDACTED]		executive/deliberative process privilege [REDACTED]

Other Members:

Dave Harbour, Anchorage
Mark Johnson, Juneau
Anthony Price, Anchorage
Janis Wilson, Anchorage

Are Applying:

Robert (Bob) Herron, Bethel. ~~executive/ deliberative process/ privilege~~ Bethel City Manager.

Donna Logan, Anchorage. Housewife/writer.

Stephen Pratt, Anchorage. Financial Analyst.

Preliminary Conclusions:

Each member is paid. Members are 26 C and the Chair is 27 C. Each commissioner must be a member of the Alaska Bar Association and must hold a

degree and have 5 years experience in one of the following: engineering, finance, economics, accounting, business administration, or public administration.

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Ron Miller will be a good source of information.

Alaska Statehood Commission
The chair and vice-chair are appointed by the Governor

Term Expires	Background	Recommendation	Alternatives
Gail Phillips (R) Anchorage	executive/deliberative process privilege [REDACTED]		executive/ deliberative process privilege [REDACTED]
Christopher Constant	executive/deliberative process privilege [REDACTED]		

Other Members:

Mia Costello, Fairbanks
Rep Guttenberg, Fairbanks
Rep Newman, Big Lake
Senator Olson, Nome
Leo Rasmussen, Nome
Senator G. Stevens, Kodiak
Kate Tesar, Ketchikan

Are Applying:

Patty Swenson, current program coordinator in DCCED
Christopher Constant, current Vice-Chair

Preliminary Conclusions:

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The Chair and Vice Chair are appointed by the Governor. The Commission terminates in 2009 after the 50th Anniversary of Statehood Celebration takes place.

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From: [Ivy Frye](#)
To: [Mike Tibbles](#); [sarah](#)
Subject: Employment Applications/Letters of Support
Date: Wednesday, December 20, 2006 6:29:00 PM
Attachments: [Letters of Support.xls](#)

Governor and Mike,

I compiled a list of employment applicants that had a significant amount of letters of support. If you click on the "support" box you will be able to view all of the names.

Thanks,

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Applicants**Support Letters****From**

Jane Sebens	Deputy AG	(4) Stephen Van Goor,Budd Simpson,Anthony	Attorney	Haines
Cora Crome	Fish Policy Advisor	(11) Mark Vinsei,Paul Southland,Ian Fisk,Rep Wilson,Bill Hawks,Eric	UFA Substist. Outreach	Petersburg
Mike Heimbuch	Fish Policy Advisor	(9) Mark Vinsei,Kenneth Moore,M ke Scott,Dan	Mineral Mngmt Services	Homer
Sue Aspelund	Fish Policy Advisor	(5) Mark Vinsei, Howard Ferren,Dan Hull,Jim Becker,	F&G Fed Mngmt Coord	Juneau
Christine Klein	DOT Commiss	(7) Alan Braley,Richard Burg, Willy vanhemert,Albert	Engineer	Anchorage
Joe Perkins	DOT Commiss	(2) Steve Dombrowski, Jon Carpenter	Knowles DOT Commiss	Juneau
John MacKinnon	DOT Commiss	(10) Kandy Romenesko,Tom Johnson,Clark	Dep Commiss DOT	Juneau
McKie Campbell	F&G Commiss	(14) Heather McCarty,Donna Bondioli,Jim	F&G Commiss	Juneau
Roland Maw	F&G Commiss	(8) Tadayuki Goto, Rick Roeske,Greg Indreland,Bob	Charters/Tendering	Kasilof
"Click" Bishop	Labor Commiss	(2) Allan Darr, Jamie Jones-Burch,	Operating Engineer	FBX
Bob Morigeau	Labor Commiss	(2) Bill Evans, Tracy Mayhew	Operating Engineer	Palmer
Tara Jollie	Labor Commiss			Anchorage
Tony Zakazawa	DCCED Commiss	(8) Marvin Yoder,Rep Kohring/SenGreen,Bea r Ketzler,Joe	UAF Coop Services	FBX
Kirk Wichersham	DCCED Commiss	(2) Ken Gain, Sen Cowdery	For Sale By Owner	Anchorage

Duane Bannock	Director DMV	(4) Rep Newman, Diana Pfelfer, Joanne Olson, Nichole Lee	Director DMV	Anchorage
Roger Sampson	Educ Commiss	Doug Haralson	Educ Commiss	Anchorage
Annette Kreitzer	DNR Dep Commiss	(3) Rep Coghill, Sen Wilken, Lt Gov Leman	COS for Lt Gov	Juneau
Richard Mandsager	DHSS Commiss	(2) Sharon Hamrick, Jim Macklin	Providence Director	ANC

From: John Katz
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Cc: Michael Tibbles
Subject: Thank you/Federal Issues
Date: Tuesday, December 26, 2006 5:29:34 AM

I want to thank you for reappointing me. I will do everything within my power to confirm your trust and to achieve the high ideals that you have established for the members of your administration. In short, you can count on my dedication, loyalty, and best efforts in behalf of the Palin Administration and the people of Alaska.

I strongly support your political philosophy of limited government, protection of the Alaska constitution, responsible natural resource development, and fiscal responsibility, among other things. With the changes in Congress and the waning authority of the Bush Administration, some of these precepts may be under challenge in DC. I look forward to working with you and other members of the Palin Administration to enhance Alaska's relationship with the Federal Government and to prevent federal encroachment on traditional state prerogatives.

When the dust settles, I would appreciate the opportunity to talk with you and Mike Tibbles about federal priority's and the DC office. As 2006 comes to a close, I look forward with renewed energy and enthusiasm to the challenges and opportunities that Alaska will face in the coming year.

I hope that you and your family had a wonderful Christmas.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

From: Ivy Frye
To: sarah; (govpalin@yahoo.com)
Subject: Railroad Board Roster
Date: Friday, December 29, 2006 4:42:00 PM

Governor Palin,

I will fax a copy of the roster and fact sheet to your home as well. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Commissioner of DOT
Commissioner of Commerce
Jack Burton, Moose Pass, Term expires 10/3/07
Joe Ralston, Anchorage, 10/3/08
Bill Sheffield, Anchorage, 10/3/11
Leon VanWyhe, Fairbanks, 10/3/09
Orie Williams, Fairbanks, 10/3/09

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